

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—*Friday, May 19, 2000*

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 19, 2000.

I hereby appoint the Honorable BILL BARRETT to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

To invoke You, O God, as Father of us all, is to imply that you guide all impartially. You look upon each one's works with singular and penetrating gaze, rooted in unconditional love.

Help us conduct ourselves with true dignity that we prove ourselves worthy of Your attention. May we show such reverence for each other that Your unifying power may be seen at work in our midst.

All our actions are futile today unless they are substantiated in the vision of the founders of this great Nation. We thank You, Lord, for the freedom of Your people purchased not with perishable things like silver and gold but with the precious blood of others.

Let each of us do our part to preserve this Union and to foster the growth of freedom in the world, for our faith and hope are in You, our God, now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WOLF led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3629. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve the program for American Indian Tribal Colleges and Universities under part A of title III.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 371. An act to facilitate the naturalization of aliens who served with special guerrilla units or irregular forces in Laos.

H.R. 4425. An act making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendment to the bill (H.R. 4425) "An Act making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints: Mr. BURNS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. KYL, Mr. STEVENS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REID, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. BYRD to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill and a joint resolution of the following titles in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1509. An act to amend the Indian Employment, Training, and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992, to emphasize the need for job creation on Indian reservations, and for other purposes.

S.J. Res. 44. Joint resolution supporting the Day of Honor 2000 to honor and recognize the service of minority veterans in the United States Armed Forces during World War II.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment a bill of the following title in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 777. An act to require the Department of Agriculture to establish an electronic filing and retrieval system to enable the public to file all required paperwork electronically with the Department and to have access to public information on farm programs, quarterly trade, economic, and production reports, and other similar information.

The message also announced That pursuant to Public Law 105-389, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Lead-

er, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, announces the appointment of Sylvia Stewart of Mississippi, to serve as a member of the First Flight Centennial Federal Advisory Board, vice Wilkinson Wright of Ohio.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 1-minutes at the conclusion of today's business.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY COMMITTEE ON RULES REGARDING AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR H.R. 1304, QUALITY HEALTH-CARE COALITION ACT OF 1999

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, today a Dear Colleague letter will be sent to all Members informing them that the Committee on Rules is planning to meet the week of May 22 to grant a rule which may limit the amendment process on H.R. 1304, the Quality Health-Care Coalition Act of 1999.

Any Member who wishes to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies and a brief explanation of the amendment by 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23, to the Committee on Rules in room H-312 in the Capitol. Amendments should be drafted to the text of the bill as reported by the Committee on the Judiciary, which is available on their website.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are properly drafted and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4475, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 505 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 505

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4475) making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal